

# Rapid River News!



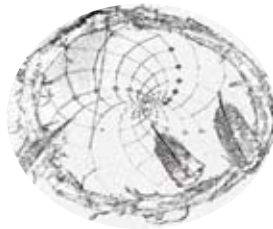
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From L.R.B.O.I.

(The following information comes from a weekly update supplied to the Ogema concerning the tribal government, local communities and issues that affect overall tribal business.)

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[Click here for LRBOI Job Postings](http://www.lrboi.com/hr/index.html)

<http://www.lrboi.com/hr/index.html>

[Click here for LRCR Employment](http://www.lrcr.com/employment.html)

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## Fish Distribution Sign up

Each year you need to fill out the form to be on the Fish Distribution list from Natural Resources.

[See Page 5](#)

## New Tribal Service Reference Guide

At the end of today's Rapid River News you will find the latest guide to Tribal Services. Please keep a copy handy and also share it with tribal members who might not have access to the internet. [See Pages 6&7](#)

### Open Board of Director Meetings at LRCR:

- o March 26 at 4pm
- o April 9 at 4pm

## Special Election Slate announced

The slate of candidates has been released by the Election Board. 15 candidates have been certified for this election. The full announcement is below.

## Certified Slate of Candidates for the 2010 Special Election

### Office of Tribal Council -- Outlying

Kimberly M Alexander  
Michael Ceplina  
Jamie L. Friedel  
Sandy Lempke-Mezeske  
Larry R. Olson  
Rick Sprague (Big Thunder)  
Edward Tyler  
(Deacon) Jeremy Wilson

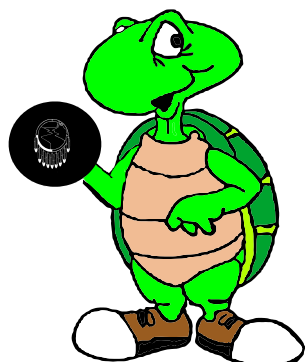
Harold J Battice II  
Gilbert (Chip) DiPiazza  
Rita A. Gal  
Helen J. North  
Lee Sprague  
Donald M. Stone  
Gary E. Tyler



## Warriors Society Updates.

The Warrior Society has several announcements:

- o They wish to acknowledge tribal descendents currently serving in a combat zone as well as tribal citizens from LRBOI. Please contact the Warrior Society with your information.
- o A new ordinance is being reviewed right now for the group and it should be available within the next two months.
- o Next meeting is March 6th at the Aki Community Center



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## Wii Bowling League

If you have family/friends interested, they are welcome. The league will begin the week of Feb. 22 after work. You can either form your own 4 person team or we can set you up individually to play. Come join in the fun, meet new people or visit with those you already know. Beat the winter blues, get a little exercise. If you have any questions or want to sign up contact Holly Davis at ext. 6610 or the Community Health Representative office at ext. 6629.

**The summer youth camp will be  
Aug. 2-13, 2010.  
Watch the Rapid River News and  
Currents for more details.**

## Enrollment Department

The Enrollment Department would like to remind all Tribal Members who have not filled out a Beneficiary form or a PerCap Beneficiary form needs to contact our office. Please remember that these forms have to be notarized. There are still some Tribal Members who need to update their addresses. If you have moved, are moving in the near future or know someone who has moved please contact our office to update the address. This form has to be notarized as well.

## Payment Delays

It has come to the attention of the Enrollment Department that there have been a number of situations whereby access to Per Capita and Bereavement Benefit payments have been hindered because of the individual who is listed as the beneficiary. The cause of the problem has been due to the listing of a minor child as the beneficiary. The En-

## CMU Pow Wow

The Celebrating Life Pow Wow for CMU is scheduled for March 20-21 at the Rose Arena. Grand Entry Saturday 1 p.m. and 7 p.m. Sunday Noon Head Veteran: George Martin. MC: Sonny Smart. Head Dancers: To be picked daily. Arena Director: Dave Shananaquet. Host Drum: TBA. For more info: Native American Programs, Bovee 125, Mount Pleasant, MI 48859. 989-774-2508. [www.cmich.edu/powwow](http://www.cmich.edu/powwow)

## Tribal Government Internships

LRBOI Tribal Preference College Students at least 18 years of age may qualify for a paid internship in a Tribal Government Office. For details on how you may qualify, contact the Workforce Development Specialist at 231-398-6842, toll free at 1-888-723-8288 extension 6842, or by e-mail at [dhawley@lrboi.com](mailto:dhawley@lrboi.com).

## Vouchers for Newly Hired Tribal Citizens

LRBOI Tribal Citizens at least 18 years of age who are newly hired may qualify for a Career Assistance Voucher of \$200.00 and/or an Employment Daycare Assistance Voucher of \$250.00 through the LRBOI Workforce Development Program. If you are a new hire, please contact the Workforce Development Specialist within 30 days of hire at 231-398-6842, toll free at 1-888-723-8288 extension 6842, or by e-mail at [dhawley@lrboi.com](mailto:dhawley@lrboi.com).

## (Kateri Circle)

*"All life is a circle."*

--Rolling Thunder, CHEROKEE

*The atom is a circle, orbits are circles, the earth, moon, and sun are circles. The seasons are circles. The cycle of life is a circle: baby, youth, adult, elder. The sun gives life to the earth who feeds life to the trees whose seeds fall to the earth to grow new trees. We need to practice seeing the cycles that the Great Spirit gave us because this will help us more in our understanding of how things operate. We need to respect these cycles and live in harmony with them.*

*Great Spirit, let me grow in knowledge of the circle*

## 3rd Annual SagChip Round Dance

The 3rd annual round dance has been announced for March 13th at the Tribal Gym. Feast is at 5 p.m. and dancing is from 7 p.m. to 2 a.m. A midnight snack will be provided. For more info, call Nathan Isaac at 989-600-5549 or Dan Jackson at 989-400-6644. There is a \$1000 Grand Prize drawing at 1 a.m.

## Youth Build Manistee

Northwest Michigan Works! is expanding the Youth-Build program to include Manistee/Benzie, Traverse City, and Beaver Island. A national program, YouthBuild trains high school drop-out youth, ages 18 to 24, in the construction trades. Hands-on learning takes place in building affordable housing within the community. The youth spend 50% of their time on academics -- obtaining a high school diploma or preparing for the GED. For more information or an application form contact David Hawley, LRBOI Workforce Development Specialist (ext 6842). Link for more information: <http://www.nwm.org/youthbuild.asp>

## Traditional Healer visit

J. D. Gibson, Traditional Healer will be in Manistee on March 9th, 2010. Appointments are available for Indian Health Services (IHS) eligible Native Americans. Please contact Julie Wolfe to schedule an appointment. She may be reached at 231.398.6632. This is sponsored by Be-Da-Bin Behavioral Health of LRBOI.

## New Human Resource Director

The tribal government welcomes Al Stone of Ludington as the new HR Director! Stone brings over 30 years of quality experience, a Master's Degree in Human Resources and Management from CMU and several other degrees to the position. In addition, he attended Harvard University to study Labor Negotiations.

## Elders Meeting:

First  
Saturday of  
every month



### Commissions/Committees:

The following commissions have current openings.

Gaming Commission	1 opening
Natural Resource	1 opening
Binojeeuk	4 openings

All other commission seats available have been filled.

## Tribal Directories

The new 2009 Tribal Directories are done. If you want one of these Directories, you can either email the Enrollment Department or submit a written request to the Enrollment Department asking for this Directory. We will send it to you through the mail or you can pick one up in the office.

## Government Weather Closing Policy

The tribal government has issued the 2009 Weather Closing Policy. When Manistee Area Schools announce a closing due to weather, the government offices will have a delayed open to 10 a.m. The same is true for the Muskegon Government Office and their school system.

## Nike N7



This is the first time a price reduction has been applied to this exclusive first-of-its-kind performance shoe. From 1/11/10 to 3/12/10 there will be a 30% price reduction on the four original styles of Nike n7's. This will bring the cost down to \$40.80 a pair. The styles are as follows: **Men's**- Black on Black; White w/Metallic Silver.

**Woman's**- White w/ Vivid Blue or White w/Regal Pink (canvas). Contact the clinic at 231.723.8299.

## Building Security

The Bank Building (Tribal Government Headquarters) has now had card access equipment installed at all of the main entries. Non-government employees and visitors need to check in at the front desk (River Street entrance) before going upstairs. This is a safety feature that will let emergency personnel know who is in the building for evacuation purposes. Similar procedures are planned for the other government offices.

## NEW RENTAL HOMES AVAILABLE SOON

The Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Housing Department is pleased to announce that we will have five new 3-bedroom homes available soon for rent at Aki Maadiziwin in Manistee. These are newly constructed single family homes with all new appliances (including washer/dryer, microwave), attached garages and full basements.

These homes are available for low-income families. To be considered "low-income" your annual gross household income cannot exceed the amounts listed below.

Family Size	1	2	3	4
Income	\$35,850	\$40,950	\$46,100	\$51,200
	5	6		
	\$55,300	\$59,400		

Monthly rental payments will be 20% of the household's adjusted monthly income plus utilities.

Copies of the Regulations governing eligibility and occupancy may be obtained from the Housing Department or the tribal web site.

If you are interested in applying for a rental unit, please call the Housing Department Toll Free at 1.888.723.8288 or direct 231.398.6876.

### Presentations to Housing Authority

Lt. Deforest and PIO Zaring finished up a series of 3 presentations on crime prevention to residents of the Manistee Housing Authority last week. The presentations were in support of the Neighborhood Watch program begun last year by the Tribal Police and Manistee City Police.

### Indian Health Service Scholarships

American Indian and Alaska Native students are invited to apply for pre-graduate scholarships from the Indian Health Service. Applicants must be U.S. citizens who can document that they meet Tribal membership requirements and are enrolled in courses leading to a bachelor's degree in specific pre-professional areas as needed by Indian Health programs.

Applications are due March 28, 2010. Complete details, including an online application, can be found at the IHS

Web site: <http://www.scholarship.ihs.gov/>

### Wisconsin Election Board meeting

Saturday March 6th, the Tribal Election Board will be hosting a Community meeting at the Congregation of the Great Spirit Church in Milwaukee, WI.

The meeting is scheduled for 10:30 a.m. The address of the Church is 1575 S. 10th Street (Corner of 10th and Lapham). The purpose of the meeting is to present information on the proposed election regulation changes.

## CONGRATS!

Congratulations to Christopher Varenhorst, LRBOI Information Technology Technician. In January 2010 Mr. Christopher Varenhorst completed the academic requirements for a Bachelor of Information Technology and Security. It is also noted that Christopher completed his degree as Magna Cum Laude with the appropriate Honors that accompanies such title!

### Per Cap Direct Deposit

Here are the deadlines for the upcoming Per Cap payment:

March 2, 2010 - Deadline for submitting a Direct Deposit form

March 17, 2010 - Deadline for submitting an address change form

March 27, 2010 - Deadline for submitting a Direct Deposit Cancellation form



## *Come Join the Diabetes Talking Circle*

- **Learn:**
- **Myths about diabetes**
- **Diabetes prevention**
- **Diabetes risk factors**
- **Types of diabetes**
- **Eating healthy, dietary guidelines**
- **Reading food labels and shopping for healthy foods**
- **Healthy food preparation**
- **Traditional foods**
- **Routine medical care**

This group can help support your desire to change your eating habits/diet, support a family member with diabetes, and assist you in making changes to be healthier. Starting Tuesday February 2, 2010 5:30 p.m.-6:30 p.m. at the Tribal Health Clinic or Wednesday February 3, 2010 1:30 p.m.-2:30 p.m. Aki Community Center. Classes run for 12 weeks. For more information or to sign up for a class contact Holly Davis RN, MSN Diabetes Educator/Community Health Nurse 231-398-6610 or Teresa Johnson Community Health Representative at 231-398-6629.

## **S.S. Badger.**

The car ferry S.S. Badger is not offering tribal discounts for the 2010 sailing season.

## **2-1-1 Starts!**

The 2-1-1 local service information system kicked off last week. The service, which received support from Tribal Council, helps residents to connect to needed services and information within their community. Callers, upon identifying themselves as Tribal Members, are given tribal contact information and assistance in finding services and opportunities within the community.

## **Troops Fishing Tournament**

The Little River Casino Resort is partnering with Manistee County Charter Boat Captains for the inaugural Tight Lines for Troops charity salmon fishing tournament. The event has been scheduled for Monday, May 24th, 2010 on Lake Michigan. Watch the Currents for complete details.

## **Former Boxing Commissioner sentenced**

Former Tribal Boxing Commissioner Shane Crampton was sentenced in the U.S. District Court, Western District on February 10th on charges of wire fraud. The sentence is for a one-year period of probation and a fine of \$2,179.99.

### Natural Resource Department Great Lakes Assessment Fish Distribution

Every year you need to sign up for the Great Lakes Assessment Fish Distribution if you are interested in receiving fish. There are three ways you may sign up.

1. Call Natural Resource Office: 866-723-1594 or 231-398-2180
2. E-mail your name, Tribal ID, address, phone number and please indicate if you are an Elder to [bharnish@lrboi.com](mailto:bharnish@lrboi.com).
3. Fill out the form below and mail to address on form.

### 2010 Great Lakes Assessment Fish Distribution Form

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Elder: Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_ Tribal ID \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Mail to: LRBOI NR Department  
Atten: Bonnie Harnish  
375 River Street  
Manistee, MI 49660

## American Indian Journalism Institute

*The Annual AIJI at the University of South Dakota is June 16-25, 2010. Applications for this internship are being taken through March 19th. Please see the announcement below. Over the years, several LRBOI students have taken this popular program. If you have interest in journalism, this is a wonderful opportunity. Please go open this .pdf for details:*

Multimedia Training, Credits Available to College Students  
February 17, 2010

By Reznat

VERMILLION, S.D. — The Freedom Forum is accepting applications for the annual American Indian Journalism Institute. It will be held June 16-25, 2010, at the University of South Dakota.

Selected students attend AIJI for free and receive other financial assistance. They will become eligible for college credit by taking a multimedia journalism course taught at the Freedom Forum's Al Neuharth Media Center on the University of South Dakota's Vermillion campus.

Graduates will contend for six-week paid internships as reporters, copy editors, photographers and multimedia journalists in daily newsrooms and with the Associated Press beginning about July 1.

The Freedom Forum administers and funds AIJI, including tuition, fees, books, room and board. To be eligible,

students must have completed at least one year of college and have a passion for journalism.

Program graduates will earn three hours of college credit from the University of South Dakota that they may transfer to their current school. Many AIJI graduates have become contributors to Reznatnews.org.

Jack Marsh, AIJI founding director and Freedom Forum vice president for diversity programs, said, "Having even one Native American working in a newsroom makes the organization more aware of American Indians in its community, and more sensitive and intelligent in reporting stories about them."

AIJI is part of the Freedom Forum's commitment to diversify employment in daily newsrooms.

The application deadline is March 19.

Instructions and application forms are available at [www.freedomforumdiversity.org](http://www.freedomforumdiversity.org) or by e-mailing Janine Harris at [jharris@freedomforum.org](mailto:jharris@freedomforum.org).

## Tribal Service Reference Guide

Family Services <b>Ext. 6726</b>	Individual and Family Self-Sufficiency Education and Assistance Family Counseling Family Violence Prevention Notary Services	Indian Child Welfare Intervention & Reunification Elder Services Positive Indian Parenting Programs Family Violence Protection, Education, Advocacy and Consulting
Health Clinic Contract Health Services <b>Ext 6601</b>	Family Physician, Medical Services, Community Health Resource, Diabetic Education, Health Nursing-  <b>(Limited Health Benefit Programs)</b>  Contract Health Services (CHS) for the 9 county service area Extended Health Assistance Program (EHAP) outside the 9 county service area Counseling and Referral for Substance Abuse and Mental Health	
Education <b>Ext. 6735</b>	Michigan Tuition Waiver Adult Education Incentive Grant, Higher Education Program, Book Stipend Program Vocational Education Assistance Program	Activities Assistance, Senior (High school) Expenses, Drivers Training Assistance and 12 <sup>th</sup> Grade Laptop Computer Program School Clothing Assistance Student Services
Members Assistance <b>Ext. 6731 or 6733</b>	Low Income Energy Assistance Food Assistance Rental & Mortgage Assistance Emergency Transportation Elder Chore Services Program Referral Services available	<b>(Grant Funded Programs available to 9 County Service Areas)</b> LIHEAP REACH Well and Septic Program Elder Meal Program



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Commodities <b>Ext. 6715</b>	USDA Commodities Distribution - The Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR) provides a variety of Commodity Foods to low-income households living on or near Indian reservations.	
Enrollment <b>Ext. 6712 or 6713</b>	Enrollment Processing Address Changes Bereavement Program Notary Services	Judgment Funds Tribal Directory Information Per Capita Beneficiary Form Per Capita Information Services
Housing <b>Ext. 6878</b>	-Aki Maadiziwin Subdivision Low income single family and elder rental homes Fair market rent-to-own single family homes  -Fair market rentals primarily in Manistee	-Two short term low income rentals in Manistee -Leasehold mortgage program. -Down payment and closing cost assistance program.
Tax Dept. <b>Ext. 6874</b>	Tax-exempt Motor Fuel Program, Tribal Tax Licenses, Tribal Business Licenses	Tribal Certificates of Exemption for Resident Tribal Members/Tribal Entities, Commercial and Subsistence Fishers
Commerce <b>Ext. 6879</b>	Small Business Loan Program Tribal Owned Economic Development Tribal Member Owned Economic Development	Tribal Title Office Work Force Development
Legal Assistance <b>Ext. 2234</b>	Legal Advice that includes but is not limited to the following: Estate Planning: preparation of Trusts, Wills, Durable Power of Attorneys, Medical Power of Attorneys for Tribal Members and their spouses. Real Estate	

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If you have any specific questions, ideas or comments regarding this information, please address them to:  
The Office of Public Affairs, LRBOI, 375 River Street, Manistee, MI. 49660. 231-398-6840.  
Or send them direct to [currentcomments@lrboi.com](mailto:currentcomments@lrboi.com).  
Your comments will be forwarded to the right person at the tribal government within 24 hours.